

FAQs for Holly Class

Q: What should and shouldn't go in the red book bag?

A: If I could begin by asking that all children have their reading books in a named, plastic folder inside their book bag so that they do not put their whole book bag in the red box when their reading book needs changing. Keeping reading books, reading records and key words in a plastic folder is also useful to protect them from water bottle leaks (however, we do encourage children **not** to put bottles in book bags).

Q: Where does my child put their reading folder when their book needs changing?

A: We change reading books once a week and they receive 3 reading books. Please make sure that their reading folder comes to school with them every day.

Q: What homework will my child get?

A: Reading every day (including keywords) with your child is the only homework that we ask in Reception. Please leave a comment in the red reading record on the side that says 'at home' and please make sure you are writing in the correct week. There will be a topic plan for each half term on the school's website which will inform you of what we shall be covering in class. I will also post little learning challenges or summaries of what has been learnt in class each week on Tapestry (online learning journal). If you wish to do any learning at home to support the learning in class then please share photos or videos on Tapestry. Information about Tapestry will be shared with you when your child starts school. It is a fantastic way of sharing learning in school and at home 😊

Q: Does my child need to bring in anything else to school?

A: Children should bring in a coat and jumper for cold and wet weather. For warm / hot weather children need to bring a sun hat and wear sun cream. If children could have a named pair of wellies at school then that would be great! The children have access to recyclable materials for junk modelling during their Explore Time, so please bring in any boxes, kitchen roll tubes or other plastic/cardboard packaging! I do send emails now and then or communicate messages on Tapestry, so please keep a lookout for these! We have lots of fruit at school so there is no need for your child to bring it in unless they like the more unusual fruits i.e. kiwi. They will need a sports top drinks bottle (named) with water in. A change of clothes should be provided if your child is prone to having toilet accidents but we do have some clothes in school too.

Q: What is Gold Book?

A: Gold Book is a celebration worship on a Friday and every few weeks parents are invited in (hopefully this will be able to happen in September). You will receive an email if your child is in the Gold Book. Parent Gold Book starts at 2.30 pm and takes place in the hall.

Q: Where does my child put their packed lunches/ drinks for lunch?

A: There are trays as the children come into the class where the water bottles live and packed lunches can be placed next to the bottles. If your child does bring fruit, this can be placed in the fruit basket.

Q: What do I do if my child is going home with someone else?

A: On the admission form you have been asked for a code word. You should always tell us by mail/phone call if someone different is collecting and upon collection they should also use the code word until we are more familiar with your support network.

Q: What days does my child do P.E.?

A: Children in Holly Class currently have P.E. on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon but this may well change in September. I can let you know the days once these have been agreed. Please name everything (even socks!) and perhaps avoid buttons and tights on the PE days if you think that your child may struggle.

Q: When is the best time to talk to the class teacher?

A: If you have any concerns that need to be discussed, or have any questions then please make an appointment. This can be arranged with the class teacher after school or alternatively, you can ring or email the office:

admin@seend.wilts.sch.uk